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## Retreat Plans Announced

The Rev. Henry Hein, Presbyterian Pastor of Assumption, Illinois, announces Executive Council approval of plans for the second annual S.F.F. Retreat. To be held at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, (near Minneapolis), the theme will be on Spiritual Healing and will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Worrall of Baltimore, Maryland. Registrations may be made by signing, cutting, and returning to our national office, the blank provided in this issue of the Newsletter. The dates are Sunday, July 6, 7 P.M. through breakfast, Saturday, July 12. The cost is \$70 per person.

The goal of this occasion, says the Rev. Mr. Hein, is to gain an understanding of the development and use of spiritual gifts involved in Spiritual Healing. There will be lectures, workshops and small group experiences in which the following and related subjects will be explained, demonstrated and practiced: techniques, the way to set up a healing service, intercession, absent healing, ways for prayer groups, development groups, and individuals to develop spiritual awareness and gifts, the place of psychic phenomena and so on. The recreational facilities of the college are open to us including a swimming pool. Any mature young people and adults may register, and we especially urge pastors to come.

If you are driving, Northfield is on Highway 218. If you are coming by plane, train, or bus, come to Minneapolis; there is a bus that runs from Minneapolis to Northfield.

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## About the Annual Conference

Don't forget plans to attend the Annual Conference at the Park Ridge Community Church, Park Ridge, Illinois, May 15, 16, 17, 1969. Registration blanks were a part of the March Newsletter

The speakers at the Conference are being asked to comprise a panel at the luncheon for Minister's only, May 16, to present the announced topic: "Interpreting Prayer, Healing and the Psychical to the Congregation." The same leaders will address the various sessions of the Conference. They include the Rev. Ross Sweeny, S.F.F. President, the Rev. Paul Wilkinson, Mrs. Louise Eggleston, Mr. Glenn Harding, and the Rev. Arthur Ford. Registration costs for the entire Conference are \$7.00 per adult, \$4.00 for teenage youth. Reservations for the Fellowship Dinner as well as the Minister's luncheon are limited in number but advance registrations for the Conference will be received until May 1.

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## AREA CHAPTER NEWS

### MICHIGAN, Detroit

Tuesday, March 18, the Rev. Alex Holmes of Caro, Michigan, lectured and conducted a Healing Service at the Highland Park Congregational Church. On February 18, Dr. Walter House spoke on "Silence" and the Rev. Louis White spoke on the general theme of "The Biblical Background of Psychic Phenomena."

At an as yet undetermined date in April, Mabel Humphrey will speak of her experiences while in Washington where she met Sun Myung Moon.

### NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte

A more detailed report has been received of the Rev. Arthur Ford's meeting in Charlotte last month. Mrs. Dorothy Guion has sent us newspaper clippings reporting the talks of the Rev. Ford who addressed a large near-capacity audience at the Dana Auditorium, Queens College, and later at the University of North Carolina. Among the many things reported by the press were Mr. Ford's warnings against "dabbling" in the psychic and especially by neurotic people. "Ouija boards should be used with caution and never as toys," said Mr. Ford.

Mrs. Guion also reports that Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Worrall will be sponsored by this new group of S.F.F. members on May 10th. Many new members have already sent in their applications from this community and new study groups are being formed. Congratulations!

### IOWA, Des Moines

On March 28, 29, Mrs. Joan Kimmel conducted a Prayer Laboratory. On April 19, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Worrall will be the chapter speakers. On April 22, Hugh Lynn Cayce will lecture at Ankeny United Methodist Church at 7:30 with a 6:00 P.M. supper by reservation only and for S.F.F. members. Classes will be held early in May at both United Methodist and Westminster United Presbyterian Church and will be conducted by one of America's most gifted psychics, Mr. Fred Kimball, from California. This chapter is now producing its own monthly Newsletter. The Rev. Mark Weston is the Chairman.

### NEBRASKA, Omaha

The Rev. Roy Brown, Chairman, spoke to fifty graduate students in psychology on March 14 and was well received. The chapter Newsletter is edited by Louise Scott.

### PENNSYLVANIA, Reading-Berks County

Nearly two hundred people of various faiths came to the Calvary United Methodist Church, Mohnton, Pennsylvania, on Friday evening, February 21, to hear the Rev. William V. Rauscher, former president of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship and rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Woodbury, New Jersey, speak on the subject, "ESP and Religion." This fine response indicates fine prospects for the formation of a Reading-Berks County Chapter of S.F.F. The Rev. Lawrence W. Althouse, pastor of Calvary Church, is currently organizing a steering committee for that purpose. A large number of those present indicated an interest in joining S.F.F. A survey sheet was given to each person in attendance for the purpose of determining name and address for a mailing list, religious affiliation, preferences as to dates and places of future meetings, specific areas of major interest. Ambrose and Olga Worrall have been engaged to speak to the group on Friday evening, April 11, at 8 o'clock at Calvary Church. Mr. Althouse is serving as acting chairman.

### FLORIDA, Miami

The Rev. Alex Holmes returned to Miami, Florida to conduct a one-day Healing Mission by popular demand. The consecrated Pastor-Healer was a part of the eighth annual seminar in January as reported last month.

### CALIFORNIA, San Diego

Mrs. Joan S. Kimmel conducted a very successful Prayer Laboratory for the San Diego Chapter March 17, 18 and 19. Sixty-seven individuals participated. The sessions were held at the Mission Hill United Methodist Church of San Diego.

The regular monthly meetings of this chapter are now centered on the lessons in the monthly Newsletter.

Mrs. Irene F. Hughes is scheduled as the speaker at a special chapter meeting on May 2nd, 7:30 P.M.

### OHIO, Canton

The Rev. Arthur Ford reports he has accepted the invitation to appear here May 19 and 20 after the Annual Conference.



What Happens After Death?

One of the most frequently asked questions on our travels the past few years has been this: what happens after death? And the materialist would answer "nothing." So would the atheist. The parapsychologist often says, "We can't be positive." Clues, however, are provided by studies of the New Testament, psychological research, and analytical examination of spirit communications. Both within and without S.F.F. circles the data indicates that those who die natural deaths soon become aware they have left their earthly bodies. Those who die violent, untimely deaths are temporarily in a state of confusion. An intermediate state of adjustment is thus indicated until a new level of consciousness is attained. Those who have lived mundane, earthly and non-spiritual lives are souls who remain earth-bound; those whose spiritual development is more advanced live in one of the "many mansion" or "places" or higher levels of awareness.

Thus continues in what we call heaven a conscious relationship of souls we know on earth. Our spiritual body retains its familiarity to our former physical body, but what is more important our mental faculties or mind is the means by which we communicate. We know and we are known. The nature of our relationships is quite similar to those we have had on earth.

However, spiritual advancement is indicated. Jesus tried to free imprisoned spirits after death (read I Peter 3). This life that does not end represents ongoing opportunities for souls continuing their quest to come to know the only true God. Many attain the conscious awareness of Christ.

Let us conclude by saying that life is eternal. But don't take our word for it. S.F.F. encourages its members to search for the truth of psychical and mystical experiences of all kinds within the framework of their own historic religious faith. The ultimate discoveries, we believe, will provide many answers to the questions about survival.

NEW YORK, Schenectady

Thirty-five people have registered for the Prayer Workshop scheduled for April 11-13. The series begins with a lecture by Mrs. Joan Kimmel, leader, at 8 o'clock. Also, a bus trip to attend a Healing Service led by Miss Kathryn Kuhlman is being planned for April 20. Mr. Cyril Tucker, chairman of the sub-committee on Survival, will meet with the Survival Group on Friday, May 9, and the regular monthly meeting of the local chapter will be held on Wednesday, May 14th.

OTHER NEWS

An organization known as "The Psychic Investigator Association" has been organized in Walla Walla, Washington, P. O. Box 922 and has as its stated object "to seek out and present materials concerning psychic phenomena." Monty Mills is president according to data received in our office....On May 26, 27, 28, at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Ark., Harold Sherman's ESP Foundation will sponsor Dr. Marcus Bach and Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Worrall. The cost is \$30 and reservations may be made by writing the ESP Foundation at 1750 Tower Bldg., Little Rock, Ark....A two-day Residential Course on Psychical Research, Psychotherapy and Spiritual Healing was held at Moor Park College, Farnham, England. Instructors were Mrs. Ena Twigg, Mr. W. V. Blewett, Dr. G. Stephens Spinks, Mr. Harry Edwards, and the Rev. Canon J. D. Pearce-Higgins....The Rev. James Kinnear has resigned as N.Y.C. Area Chairman.

MAILING NOTE

Every day we receive returned copies of our publications because some people forget to notify us that they have moved, or have given us an incomplete address. Sometimes the notice comes but arrives too late to correct our address plates because a given publication is in the process of being mailed. If you are planning a move please give us at least four weeks notice and include both old and new addresses.

## REGISTRATION BLANK - SECOND ANNUAL SFF RETREAT, July 6-12, 1969

To be at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota

To: SFF Headquarters at 800 Custer, Suite #1, Evanston, Illinois 60202

Please register \_\_\_\_\_ persons for the Second Annual SFF Retreat.

We enclose \_\_\_\_\_ at \$70 per person. We understand this registration is not valid unless accompanied by remittance but that it covers food and lodging.

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Lesson 4

Subject: Materialization

--Prepared by Rev. C. Leslie Palmer

I. Definition:

**Materialization** — A term denoting the formation by a spirit of a temporary physical organization, visible and palpable, by means of which it can come into touch with material objects. (Encyclopaedia of Occultism by Lewis Stone)  
n. a materializing or being materialized. (Webster's New World Dictionary, 1966 College Edition)

II. Biblical references:

Daniel 5:5 - "In that very hour there appeared the fingers of a man's hand."

Mark 9:4 - "And there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus."

John 20:19 - "When it was evening on that first day of the week, and the doors were shut where the disciples were staying for fear of Jews, Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, Peace be with you."

Acts 8:39-40a - "And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus,..."

III. Comments:

Study of the subject of materialization cannot be separated from its counterpart, dematerialization. The above references are used to illustrate that either aspect of the phenomena can precede or follow the other.

In our materialistic approach to life we are inclined to think and speak in terms of the dichotomy of matter and spirit or matter and energy. But, just where does one draw the line between these two descriptions of the same thing? Our understanding of life will be greatly aided if we can minimize this dichotomy in our thinking and think in terms of "oneness". This is particularly true when we are dealing with the subject of materialization.

Dr. Rebecca Beard used to speak of those instances of healing where there was physical manifestation in terms of growth of cells as "spirit being brought down". This was her way of illustrating the oneness of spirit and matter (energy and material).

Our ability to harmonize and rationalize the many facets of life will be greatly enhanced as we develop the ability to think in terms of this oneness with its different manifestations. For purposes of understanding and communication we make differentiations and cleavages that really do not exist. Black is not black and white is not white. There is only "blackness" and whiteness. Our labels are for convenience and we need to be careful how we use our labels.

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IV. Suggestions for individual and/or group study

(Individuals use a notebook. Groups discuss.)

1. List all possible biblical references of materialization which you can recall. Also, use available reference source books. Try to list as many situations and types as possible.
2. What do you consider to be essential meaning or purpose of each of the listed references:
3. What explanation did you give to those passages of scripture before your acceptance of the reality of "materialization"?
4. Study the post-resurrection accounts of the appearances of Jesus as they are found in the four gospels. List all those that might be interpreted as examples of materialization. Write down or discuss how materialization might have been affected in each case.
5. Write out or discuss your opinion for the necessity of materialization in the various instances found in the Bible.
6. A suggestion: Write an "M" in the margin of your study Bible wherever you find an example of materialization.

V. Bibliography:

Specific references on this subject are to be found in many books but extensive treatment in standard psychical works is very limited, therefore the bibliography is being omitted this month.

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A parallel study which some may wish to pursue is available from our national office at \$1.00 plus 25¢ postage and handling charge. It is entitled "The Paranormal In Holy Scripture" and was originally prepared by The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies in England. We are making it available with their permission. It is suitable for either group or individual study.

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Editor's note: Several of these monthly lessons have now been issued. We request your comments and criticisms in order that we may know how to upgrade the lessons. Please send these to the lesson editor, Rev. C. Leslie Palmer, 2019 Ft. Stockton Dr., San Diego, CA 92103.



## NEW PUBLICATIONS

In the mail about this time are three items of interest: 1) The 1969 Lending Library Catalog. 2) An up-to-date Sales Book List. 3) A new listing of tape recordings. These are all in one envelope. Look for your copies within two weeks if you have not already received them. These come to you as a part of your membership privileges, but we especially call attention to the Catalog of the Lending Library which now lists 1,437 titles. Some of these are in multiple copies, and while we have removed from the lending list a few rare, irreplaceable volumes and those for which there is never any call, we have added the collections of the Gertrude Tubby collection and others. While we cannot guarantee the availability of any given book (or tape), we have added many titles and we trust our new publications and methods will help you enjoy your membership privileges much more.

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### DID YOU SEE IT?

We refer to the first issue of the new quarterly, Spiritual Frontiers, published in February. Many complimentary remarks accompany book orders or are a part of correspondence received in our national office. In brief they say, Mr. Martin Ebon and the Publications Committee are to be congratulated for the professional and yet easily readable articles. We hope you enjoyed your copy. (New members acknowledged after April 1 will receive the second quarterly as their first copy of the new journal.)

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## AN IDEA IN PASSING

Reading in a recent issue of the Quarterly Review of the Churches' Fellowship for Psychological and Spiritual Studies about the passing of Major Tudor Pole, gifted mystic and chairman of The Chalice Well Trust, we learned that he was the person responsible for the Big Ben Silent Minute in England during the Second World War.

Ten years ago after joining the Churches' Fellowship in England, Col. Reginald M. Lester suggested that this idea of a silent minute, kept by many people each night at nine o'clock be introduced into this organization similar to ours in England.

This brings to mind that our own Ambrose and Olga Worrall have introduced many S.F.F.'ers to their five minutes of silence each night at nine o'clock. Many, many people have joined them in this period to discover the value of these silent minutes and find means to health and wholeness.

Perhaps it is time for Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship to consider how we can unite ourselves at least once a day in corporate meditation. The idea is not new, but discovering the means to implement it in S.F.F. could give a strengthened unity of purpose to all. At least we might consider it.

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